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to come this plot may be prevented, as hitherto hath been stopped, for out of doubt all the malignity is not drawne out of them, though the present opportunity is hindered for the present of putting it in execution.

I am to tell you further, that in desire to win those that shall be taken with remorse for this wicked designe and conspiracie: It is resolved, that if any man shall come in before the 15 day of this present June, and freely confesse his fault, and what he knows of this conspiracie, that he shall have a full, and free, and plenarie pardon for the time to come, except those that are already taken or fled. I say, those that come in voluntarily shall be pardoned.

Your care, and our care, they will be all little enough; we hope Gods blessing will be so upon them both, that you shall be restored to a full peace, and that in the mean time you shall enjoy such a degree of safety and prosperity, as may make way to it.

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Charles Rex,

CHARLES, by the grace of God, King of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To our truſty and well-beloved, Sir *Nicolas Criſp*, Sir *George Stroude*, Knights, Sir *Thomas Gardner* Knight, Recorder of *London*, Sir *George Binion* Knight, *Richard Edes* and *Marmaduke Royden* Eſquires, *Tho: Broom* Eſq;, *Peter Paggon*, *Charles Ginnings*, Sir *Edward Carlton*, *Robert Abbot*, *Andrew King*, *VVilliam VVhite*, *Steven Boulton*, *Robert Alden*, *Edmund Foſter*, *Thomas Blinkhorne*, of *London*, Gentlemen; and to all ſuch other perſon or perſons, as according to the true intent

and purport of these presents, shall be nominated, and appointed to be Generals, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Serjant-majors, or other Officers, or of Our Counsel of War, Greeting;

Whereas in Our cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Suburbs therof, our Borough of *Southwark* and county of *Middlesex*, there are raised and continued great number of Military Forces, both Horse and Foot, who under the command of *Robert* Earle of *Essex* as their Generall, and under the conduct of divers others, pretending to drive their Authority from the two Houses of Parliament, have Traiterously levied War, and rebelled against Us, their naturall leige Lord, and many of our Subjects have been seduced by false informations, by the practise of a few, who have been the contrivers of the mischievous plots, and have joyned with them, either in person, or by ayding of them with men, money, horses, or other things, and many of our good and loyall Subjects over awed by the power of the Rebels, have beene enforced to contribute to them for the maintenance of this unnaturall War, and others refusing have beene plundred, and robbed of their estates, and some committed to severall prisons, and others barbarously used contrary to the liberty of free-borne men, the laws of the land, and contrary to all humanitie, of which injuries and calamities falling upon our good Subjects, we are very sensible, and are desirous to give relief to our good Subjects by all the best meanes we can, and to resist the violence and insolencie of the rebels and their adherents, We having no other end therein but to preserve the true protestant Religion in the integrity and purity thereof; to maintaine the laws of the Land, and the liberty of persons, and the property of the estates of our Subjects, and the *just* priviledges

priviledges of Parliament. Wee have thought fit for our better ſervice, to ſettle a Councell of warre in or about Our City of *London*, who may take theſe things into their ſad conſiderations which may conduce beſt to this end, and to have ſuch Commanders and Officers ſetled in the places aforeſaid, which may both raiſe, governe, and lead ſuch Forces as may be raiſed there.

Know yee therefore, that wee repoſing ſpeciall truſt and confidence in your fidelities, induſtries, and good diſcretions, have made choiſe of, nominated and appointed you to be Our Councell of warre for the ſaid cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, Our ſaid county of *Middleſex* and Borough of *Southwark*, and doe hereby give and grant authority to you, or any foure of you, to make choiſe of ſuch other able and diſcreet perſons as you ſhall think fit to nominate under the Hands and Seal of any foure of you, which with your ſelves ſhall make up in all the number of twenty one and no more; And wee doe give and grant to you, or any foure of you, power and authoritie at ſuch times, and in ſuch places as you ſhall think convenient, to aſſemble and meet together, and there to conſult, adviſe, and reſolve of all ſuch things, and of ſuch wayes and means as you or any foure of you ſhall think fitteſt, for the raiſing of Forces both of Horſe and Foot, either of the inhabitants of the ſaid cities, county, and Borough, or any the adjacent counties or other places, who will voluntarily aſſociate themſelves to that purpoſe, and theſe Forces to Arm, Muſter, Conduct, Order, Lead, and Govern in the places aforeſaid, or in any the counties adjacent or elſewhere, in ſuch manner as you your ſelves, or ſuch other able and fit perſons, as you or any foure of you ſhall to that purpoſe appoint, accord-

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ing to theſe preſents ſhall think fit; And the better to effect this Our Service, Wee do further give and grant to you or any foure of you power and authority under your Hands and Seals, to make choiſe of and appoint ſuch a fit perſon as you ſhall think meet to bee Captain Generall of all theſe Forces thus to bee raiſed, and ſuch other perſons as you or any foure of you ſhall in like manner make choiſe of and appoint to be Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels: and Sergeant Majors, over the Forces in ſuch manner and in ſuch places as you ſhall ſo appoint, who by vertue thereof, and by vertue of theſe preſents ſhall have power and authority to do, execute and performe all ſuch things, which to theſe ſeverall offices and imployments according to the law martiall do belong and wee do hereby promiſe and grant, that withall convenient ſpeed after we ſhall have notice from you or any foure of you, under your hands and ſeales of your nomination, or any perſon or perſons whoſe ſeverall places we ſhall grant and confirme unto them and every of them reſpectively, thoſe ſeverall places to which you have ſo nominated them as aforeſaid, under our great Seal of *England*, or otherwiſe as ſhall be reaſonably deviſed and required of us. And We do further by theſe preſonts give and grant unto you full power and authority by all ſuch good wayes as you, or any foure of you under your hands ſhall agree upon to raiſe money for the clothing, arming, furniſhing, and paying of all ſuch ſouldiers as ſhall be thus raiſed, and for the providing of all ammunition and other neceſſaries for the warre; all which money upon a juſt account we do for us our Heirs and ſucceſſors, promiſe, grant and agree well and truly to repay ſo ſoon as we ſhall be inabled thereunto, and in the meane time to ſecure the ſame to thoſe who for our ſervice, and by your mediation

mediation and induſtry ſhall lend or diſburſe the ſame, and we do further by theſe preſents grant that ſuch Generals, Colonels, Leiutenant Colonells, and other officers ſo by you nominated as aforeſaid ſhall have full power and authority by vertue of the preſents to lead and order the ſouldiers ſeverally under their charges, and with them to fight againſt our enemies and Rebels, and them to ſlay and deſtroy, or them to ſave according to the law martiall, or courſe of warre; For the doing of all which this ſhall bee to you, them, and every of them a ſufficient warrant, willing and commanding all ſuch Officers and Souldiers, which by vertue hereof you ſhall retaine to obey readily, to receive and accompliſh your directions, commands, and ſummons in all things hereto appertaining or neceſſary to be done; as alſo all Majors, Sheriffs, Juſtices of peace, Commiſſioners of Array and all other our Officers and loving Subjects to be aiding and aſſiſting both to you and to all ſuch Officers and other perſons whom you ſhall appoint under any foure of your hands and Seales, for the furthering and advancement of this our eſpeciall ſervice for which this ſhall bee to you, to them, and every of them a ſufficient warrant. In witneſſe whereof We have cauſed theſe our letters to bee made Patents. Witneſſe Our Self at *Oxford* the 16. day of *March*, in the eighteenth yeare of our Raigne. 164$\frac{2}{3}$

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